

Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

15 February 2018

To: Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL 2 FEBRUARY 2018

1. The Panel met on 2 February 2018 to consider my proposed precept. The Police and Crime Panel agreed the recommendations for the Police Crime Commissioners (PCC) proposal for a £12 increase in the Band D equivalent for the police element of the council tax for the 2018/19 financial year. I am delighted that the proposed precept was supported overwhelmingly by the Panel.

I am in receipt of the Panel's formal report in relation to the matters discussed at the meeting and, as required in statute, I hereby respond to the report

2018/19 Precept Notification

Having considered my proposal to increase the precept by £12 (Band D equivalent) I am pleased that the Police and Crime Panel agreed to support this.

Police and Crime Commissioner's response to any recommendations

The Police and Crime Panel made no recommendations in respect of the precept proposal. The Panel did make formal note of the following points which were raised during the meeting and I have included these in my published response:

- a. That the reserves data will be published online to enhance transparency.
- b. That the level of General Balances held will be no more than 5% or no less than 3% of the net annual budget at the end of the financial year.
- c. Police Officers will be receiving an overall 2% increase in pay for the year to August 2018.
- d. To reach, and maintain, officer levels at 3,015 it is anticipated the recruitment in the region of 575 officers over the next four years will be required.

Publication

In accordance with my statutory obligations, I will be publishing this response on the OPCC website in due course.

Alison Hernandez

Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

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